



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Rural courthouses have been the source of many good stories, since the beginning of the United States. More so we heard another good one. Yours truly, Judge Gary McAliley and another long time friend, former Sheriff Brice Paul along with a couple of other interesting stories about the world in general when "the judge" reported on an incident in the courtroom. It seems Paul was scheduled to testify in a case pending in Gary's court. One of the lawyers asked if any of the prospective jurors knew Brice Paul? Of course most every hand shot up... then they asked if any were friends with Paul? According to McAliley (and judges never, ever lie), and one "little ole lady" in the back of the courtroom hesitantly raised her hand... slowly and only about half way! We all laughed, but none seemed to enjoy the story as much as Brice did.

We like the action of Governor Fob James in doing away with all the lobbyist being paid with tax dollars. We have always considered that a misuse of funds. Of course we don't see how he can completely do away with ALL lobbying by people on the taxpayers payroll, that would be too good to be true. Fob seems to have gotten off to a good start in the short time he has been in office. We wish him well, cause if he does well, Alabama will do well.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno is not suing Alabama this time around. Many of the suits against California, Illinois and Pennsylvania over the so-called motor voter registration act of 1993. All states are supposed to be allowing citizens to register to vote on the taxpayers payroll, that would be to buck the system. We will put Probate Judge Bill Gunnill Tuesday about this matter and he says all is now well in Coffee County. No longer is a form required to be filled out on every person walking down the hall to use the bathroom, etc. Judge said he got the phone from Montgomery after employees and people coming into the office all complained about the form that had to be filled out on everyone. They now simply ask if a person wants to register to vote. If the answer is no, the matter is dropped - no questions asked and no forms filled out. If they want to register, then can do it right there or take the forms with them and mail them in after completion.

All the hoopla about electronic shopping being just around the corner and we better be ready, don't completely true. The experts closest to the issue say we are at least 10 years away from any workable electronic shopping system. Right now a person must sit down for one item at the time to appear on the TV or computer screen and it is at the expense of the broadcaster which item is next. For a really workable system to emerge we must find a way for the consumer to jump to any part of the store and/or browse the entire store at any given time with a click of the TV "ticker" or computer mouse and at the pace desired by the customer. That and here yet ... quoting the experts.

Public television (PBS) survives with a big chunk of federal tax dollars. About \$22 million a year goes to PBS which generates and distributes a majority of the programs seen on public television stations like those in Alabama. U. S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich and others are advocating cutting this expense. While employees within the system are howling about "killing Big Bird," private firms are chomping at the bits to take over the projects. You can bet your bottom tax dollar, these folks will actually make a profit doing what the present crew needs tax dollars to support.

Police Chief Jack Parker is retiring, effective March 31st. He made it official at the council meeting Monday. This is not a total surprise because he was in the hospital for surgery twice during the past year. We hate to see him leave the position, because he is highly qualified and brings stability to the position ... mainly because of his leadership ability and professionalism. However, life must go on and we wish Jack and Betty well as he enters this retirement.



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NOT A LOAN...



### ELBA POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 17 Thru JANUARY 23, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 17, 1995, investigated the following incidents: two thefts of property, one assault, two harassments, one menacing, one criminal mischief, and one theft of utilities.

The following arrests were made during this week: one for receiving stolen property, one for theft, one for public intoxication, and one for disorderly conduct.

The following traffic citations were issued: two for speeding, two for driving without a driver's license, one for no driver's license, one for driving while driver's license revoked, and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 - River stage 7.65 feet (7:16 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84W and Al. 203 (by-pass) (6:39 p.m.); Alarm at Ace Hardware (6:09 p.m.); Shots fired on Co. Rd. 368 (8:47 p.m.); Wreck reported on Al Hwy. 875 (11:50 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 - Prowler reported at Kendrick Apts. (12:23 a.m.); Disturbance at Mr. Henry's (1:41 a.m.); River stage - 7.05 feet (7:16 a.m.); Grass fire at Little Beaver Trailer Park (1:06 p.m.); Automobile fire on U. S. Hwy. 84W (5:04 p.m.).

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 - Disturbance in Marler Trailer Park (2:38 a.m.); River stage 7.00 feet (7:21 a.m.); Alarm at a business on Claxton Ave. (7:31 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Al Hwy. 87N (7:19 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Thomas St. (7:52 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 - River stage - no report. Vehicle/deer wreck on Al Hwy. 87N (6:25 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Al Hwy. 87S (7:11 a.m.); Alarm at Ace Hardware (6:09 p.m.); Disturbance reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (10:01 p.m.).

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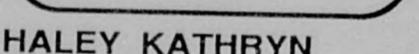
### Smith-Matthews Wedding planned for February 25th



Miss Smith



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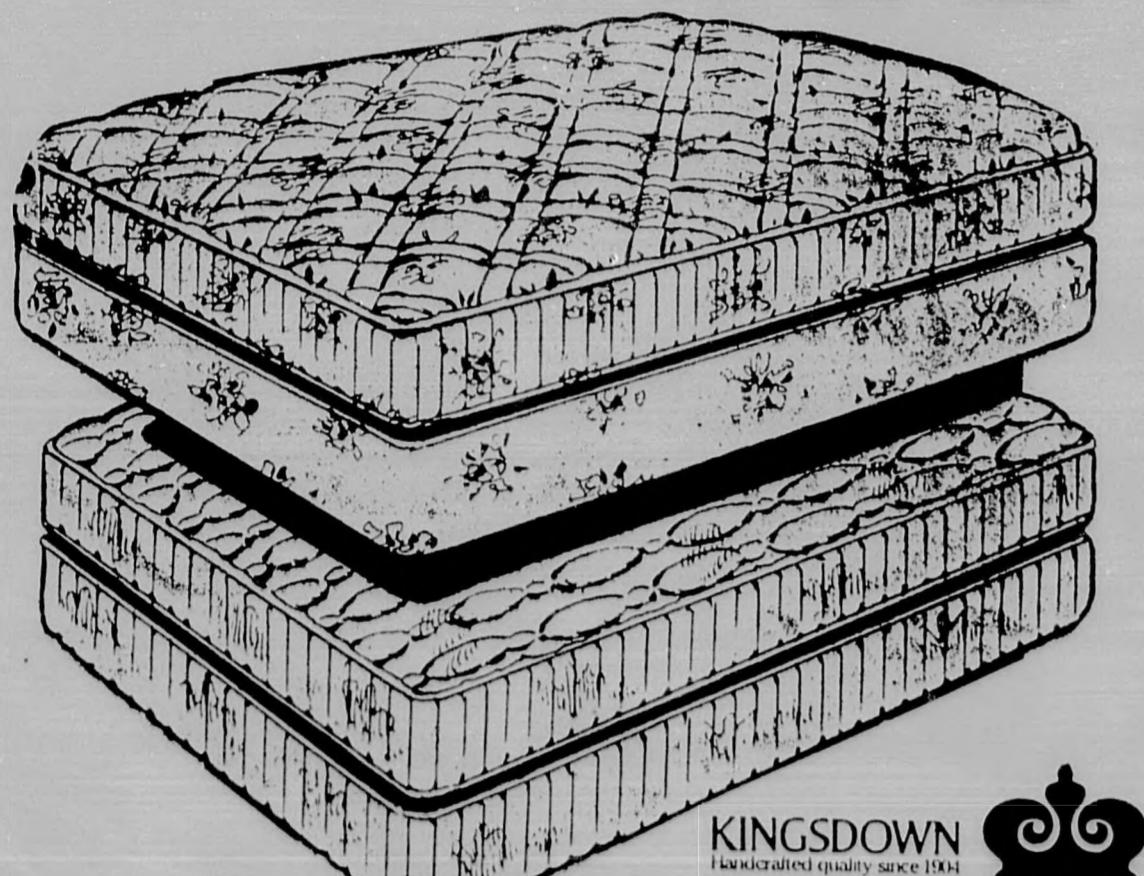
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### John Paul, Harpsichordist to perform in Enterprise February 3rd

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents an encore performance of John Paul on February 3rd, 1995, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Enterprise, AL. Advanced tickets are \$10

adults, and \$5 students at the usual ticket outlets: West Gate Book and Gift, Plain 'N Fancy and the Frame, Elba, the Jewel Box, Elba; and the ITR, Ft. Rucker. Tickets will also be available at the door

for a slightly higher price.

John Paul's performances focus on the grand and delightful works of the harpsichord, British born and educated at the Royal Academy of Music in London, John Paul immigrated to the United States in 1965. Working with his exquisite double manual harpsichords, this very British Southerner presents these master composers as the entertainment they were in their period.

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A unique gift of communication made John Paul especially effective with children. They are caught up in the fun of musical pictures painted by the harpsichord. The pure beauty of the sight and sound of the instrument in the skilled hands of this artist is an unforgettable pleasure.

American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" to be held

The third annual American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" has been scheduled for May 19, 1995. A total of \$37,000.00 was raised last year according to Clara Lehman, president of the Coffee County Unit of the American Cancer Society. She has announced that Diane Weaver will serve as chairperson of this year's event.

Relay For Life is a unique, challenging way to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The 12-hour relay concept involves many teams of walkers sponsored by different businesses, civic organizations, churches, schools, and other groups competing against each other for the most money raised by walk-off. 12 hours. Last year, "Relay For Life" was very successful with more than 28 teams participating. This year is expected to be even more successful with more teams participating and lots more exciting things planned!!! For more information contact Diane Weaver at 347-9519.

Kevin is a 1990 graduate of Elba High School and also completed two years of studies at ESFC. He is now attending Auburn University and working for a Construction Corporation in New Augusta, Mississippi, under the Cooperative Education Program. Kevin will earn his degree in chemical engineering (pulp and paper) in June of 1996.

The wedding will be held at Whitewater Baptist Church on February 25, 1995 at 7 o'clock in the evening.

No formal invitations are being issued locally, but all family and friends are invited to attend the wedding and reception.

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## SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above are Richard Glover and Evonne Rayborn.

by Missy McDaniel & Charlie Driggers

**Richard Glover** - Richard is the 18 year old son of Bob and Penny Glover. He moved to Elba at the beginning of this school year from New Orleans. Richard enjoys talking to friends and playing baseball in his spare time.

**Evonne Rayborn** - Evonne is the daughter of Gary Rayborn. She attends Greater New Zion Baptist Church and is involved with the Future Business Leaders of America and Future Homemakers of America. Some of Evonne's hobbies include softball, talking on the phone, and being with friends. After high school, she plans to attend college.

## Tiger Tales

Editor: Elena Strong  
Co-Editor: Patrick Scarborough

TIGER TALK...  
by Jonathan Ross & Ramey Bryan

For eighteen years, the Elba Tiger football team has found great success under the guidance of Head Coach Mack Wood. Effective March 31, 1995, Mack Wood, after 18 years, will retire. On January 12, Coach Mack Wood announced his retirement at the Elba School Board meeting. In honor of his retirement, the Tiger Tales Staff has decided to publish a special article to interview with Coach Wood.

*Tiger Talk:* "What is one of your favorite memories of working at EHS?"

*Coach Wood:* "It is hard to pick one down. The first thing that comes to my mind is the 1976 team that won the South Alabama Conference. That was the second season I was here. The 1989 championship team has to be one, and, the 1994 team. I am glad that I was here."

*Tiger Talk:* "What do you think you will do next?"

*Coach Wood:* "The players and the field-coaching. Obviously, I will miss a lot of things, but the players and the on-field contact is the most important part of coaching."

*Tiger Talk:* "In your thirty years in education, what has been the greatest change that you have seen in the sport of football?"

*Coach Wood:* "The players are bigger and faster. I think that the good students and the good athletes are as good as they have ever been. The thing I've seen in the last few years is the fewest number of players per team. I think it is wise. I've gone from crews out to long hair, back to short hair, through the Vietnam War, and all those times of unrest in between, and people seem to come back to one and the same values and so on."

*Tiger Talk:* "What do you plan to do after retirement?"

*Coach Wood:* "I don't know. I've got three sons. I have a son that one of them will heat up a little bit. It's a wide area. I might work some in sales. I may work again in coaching. I might also work in public relations or I may

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Views from....

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family staged its own version of the TV show "Sisters" last weekend as the Mularz sisters had sisters spend Friday night and Saturday with them. Melanie has always wanted to have spend-the-night company, but a few years ago, the idea was not a priority. This weekend her wishes finally came true; however, as Melissa had a sixth grade classmate spend the night, and it just so happened that the girl had a sister in kindergarten. Both girls spent the night and everything went well, with very little fussing, even among the real sisters!

## ELBA TIGERS COULD BE TEAM TO WATCH IN SECTIONALS

The Elba Tigers claimed a big win over Luverne last week to improve their record to 4-5 and despite their lackluster record, the Tigers could be a team to keep an eye on in a couple of weeks when they host the 3A Sectional Tournament. The Tigers played very few games early in the season due to a variety of reasons, and only in recent weeks have played enough to develop any kind of consistency. The win over Luverne, and the play of the Tigers for three quarters on the road against Louisville shows that Elba is beginning to come around, and makes its fans believe that by the end of the regular season the Tigers may actually be contenders.

Chris Howe has begun to look like a star and is now a factor on the boards, while Brian Rowes quickly emerges as a leader for the team, and Leray Smedley is one of the area's top three-point threats. When everyone plays up to their potential, Elba can beat anyone, and how much the Tigers improve in weeks to come will play a major role in how well they do in post-season play.

My guess is that Coach Danny Weeks will have his team ready and that before the sneakers are hung up for the year the Tigers will be a team that will be able to compete against any team in its class!

## AREA TEAMS BEGINNING TO SHOW TRUE COLORS

The high school basketball season is fast drawing to a close, and with the post-season party only a couple of weeks away, the area teams are showing their true colors as they try to gain momentum for a final run at the state tourney. Here's a look at this week's happenings...

\***ELBA** (11-5) continued to play "Jekyll and Hyde" as the Gamecocks had one of their best wins of the year over Kinston and then a loss to Wicksburg. The Gamecocks will be in the state on any given night, but can also lose to teams on any other night. With that kind of inconsistency, Brockton fans don't know what to expect.

\***BRANTLEY** (13-4) kept up its late-season surge and opened a lot of eyes with a big win over second-ranked J.F. Shields on Saturday night. The Bulldogs are now set on a line-up and the consistency the Bulldogs have been lacking has gone. Brantley is in a tough section, but should be a threat to make a run.

\***KINSTON** (6-13) continued to play hard, but saw the losses continue to mount last week and appear to be headed nowhere fast. The Bulldogs play as hard as any team in a class and will never be outlasted, but this season just isn't the one many Bulldog fans were expecting.

\***ZION CHAPEL** (4-10) kept up its winning habits and made a big statement with a stunning upset over 2A power Goshen. The Rebels have more talent than a lot of 1A teams in the state and can still go a long way in the tournament if they will ever believe in themselves.

## COACHING WINS CREATE PLENTY OF CONVERSATION

The small chart listing career wins by coaches at Elba High School may have created as much conversation as any article in years. Local football fans spent hours trying to figure the number of wins of coaches they remembered, and many are still convinced that some coaches should have been inducted. Back when the new stadium opened, Dr. Billy Farris did a column on the school's history looking up facts and figures about games played at the old stadium by the various coaches. The Elba Tigers, and it was from those tidbits that I got my figures. According to his research figures, here are Elba's coaches since 1935 and their career records...1935-39 Phillip Crigler (19-20-2); 1940-41 Jim Radford (15-3); 1942-43 Frank Bynum (5-10-2); 1945-46 Jerry Hayes (4-11-1); 1947 Stan Clark; Bill Ogg and Charles Lindsey (4-6); 1948-51 Jim Reynolds (24-15-1); 1952-53 Frank Buckner (14-5-1); 1954-55 Perario Gauthier (20-12-1); 1956-57 Charles McCleary (6-14); 1958 Lou Eason (4-6); 1959-62 (15-22-2); 1963-66 Wendell Hart (19-21); 1967-71 Leon Atkins (38-10); 1972 Randy Griffin (9-1); 1973-75 Paul Bass (10-20); 1976 Mac Champion (6-4); 1977-94 Mack Wood (150-59). (\* John Hohns completed 1975 season).

If anyone knows of any other coaches that may have been left out, just drop me a note and we'll check it out.

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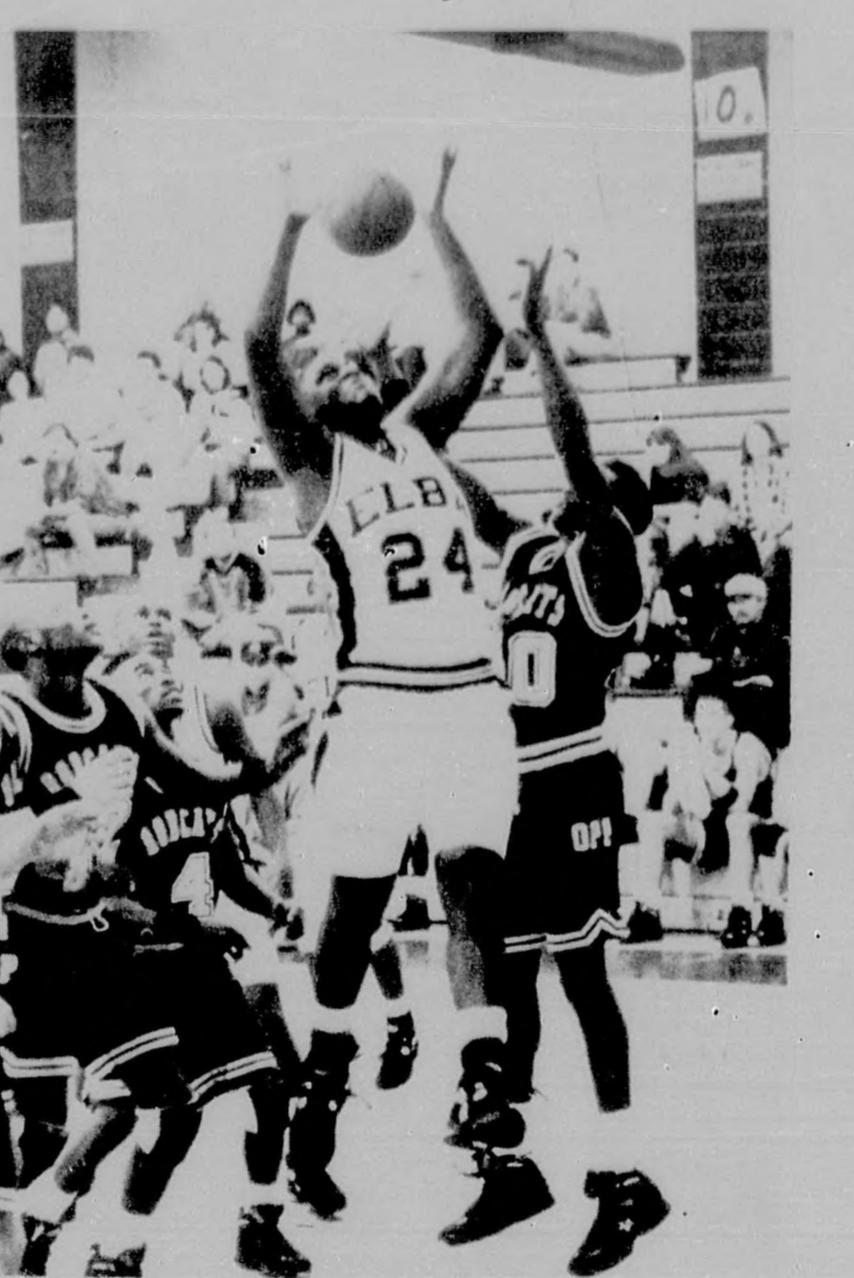
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## Sports

## Get two big Area 4 wins

## Tigers sweep Luverne 61-56, 63-47



The Elba Tigers claimed a pair of important Area 4 wins last week as they swept past the Luverne Tigers 61-56, in Luverne, and 63-47 in Elba.

The wins improved Elba's record to 4-5 overall, 2-1 in Area 4 action, and gave the Tigers the #2 seed in Area 4 in the upcoming Sectional Tournament.

Following are highlights of both wins:

ELBA 61  
LUVERNE 56

Elba jumped out to a big early lead and held on to the Luverne Tigers 61-56, last Friday night in Luverne.

Elba took control early and pulled away in the first quarter advantage, then rode its hot-shooting of Leray Smedley in the second quarter to extend its lead to 43-25 by the end of the half.

Luverne chopped the lead to 47-43 in the third quarter and was ready to make a run; however, Elba hit key free-throws down the stretch to hold on and claim the win.

Leray Smedley scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Cory Howe added 17, Willis led Luverne with 16.

E 16 18 13 14 - 61  
L 10 15 18 13 - 56

## (B GAME)

Elba (61): Smedley 9, Tyson 10, S. Daniels 6, Howe 14, Rowe 17, Purvis 6, Williams 2, Peterson 2.

Luverne (56): Banks 10, Harris 2, Freeman 3, Smith 7, Parks 4, Caldwell 2, Willis 18, Smith 5, Harris 1, Banks 7.

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## (B GAME)

The B team Tigers finally got in the win column as they led all the way to rip Luverne 44-30, Saturday night.

Elba (44): Marsh 2, D. Daniels 2, Jones 2, Glover 2, Reed 4, Silar 23, Calhoun 5, Johnson 4.

Luverne (30): McGee 3, Wood 14, Parks 4, Clay 3, Jackson 6, Carter 2, Jones 2.

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The council voted to roll over a \$70,000 note at SouthTrust Bank. The roll-over was for six months at 5% interest.

Clark asked the council about churches needing building permits for remodeling or expansions. Council members suggested he follow the existing ordinance and if no exemptions were authorized, none should be allowed.

The meeting closed with Attorney Vaughan discussing plans for converting the former elementary school into a 48 bed retirement center. The facility, to be owned by the employees, will be privately owned.

Vaughan said the project will be built with private funds, all patients will be private pay with no patients involved.

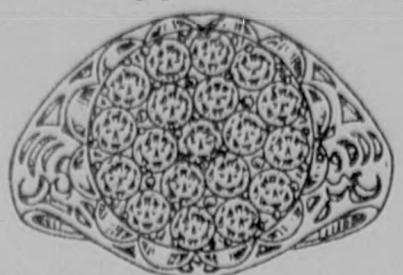
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the request be granted provided it is legal to allow the use of the county's Federal Tax ID number in this manner.

As instructed by the commissioners at the last meeting, County Engineer Mark Pool presented a proposed change or amendment to the county's sub-division regulations.

He proposed that "Private Roads" be allowed providing 1) - the roads are private, with 60 feet of right-of-way and 2) - it is noted on the subdivision plan and the deeds that the county is not responsible for maintaining the roads within the sub-division.

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